

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, with the following:

Bulkhead assembly 56 ~~54~~ includes adapter 18 having a first end 24 for receiving an optical fiber connector such as connector 22 and a second end 26. Second end 26 as shown in also configured to receive a fiber optic connector such as connector 22. While both ends 24 and 26 are shown configured to receive a standard SC connector, it is anticipated that other styles and formats of optical fiber connectors may be used with the present invention. It is also anticipated that first end 24 and second end 26 may receive different format or style optical fiber connectors. Bulkhead assembly 56 ~~end 54~~ also includes a second threaded body 16 through which adapter 18 is mounted. Second threaded body 16 includes a rear face 58 which adapted to fit against an outer wall of a bulkhead with second end 26 and first end 24 of adapter 18 on opposite sides of the bulkhead. As system 10 is adapted to seal the connector 22 within first end 24 of adapter 18 against tension and adverse environmental effects, it is anticipated that first end 22 will be positioned on the side of the bulkhead most likely to be subjected to such conditions. Examples of such an installation include mounting bulkhead assembly 56 ~~54~~ to an outer wall of a junction box housing mounted atop a utility pole.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19, with the following:

FIGS. 6 to 9 show first threaded body 12 ~~14~~ of cable end assembly 44 including threads 52 on an outer wall and threads 50 on an inner wall of outer housing 20. Threads 50 and 52 mesh with each other. First threaded body 14 includes a central opening 48 sized to receive a outer shell 25 of connector 22 so that shell 25 is ~~s~~ fixed rotationally and longitudinally with respect to first threaded body 14. Cable mount 30 includes a central opening 46 axially aligned with ferrule 23 of connector 22 so that the optical fiber from cable 12 may extend to ferrule 23. Connector 22 also includes an inner shell 27 to which ferrule 23 is mounted and which is in turn mounted within opening 46 of cable mount 30. Outer shell 25 also includes recesses 61 for receiving catches 60 of adapter 18 (described below with regard to FIG. 12). Keyed feature 36 of threaded body 14 is configured such that second threaded body 16 and adapter 18 may be engaged in only one rotational orientation.